### **GERMANS AGAIN CLOSE IN ON RIGA**

Teutons Hold Railroad Communications to South and Increase Activity.

#### SLAVS ABANDON DAGO ISLAND

Berlin Claims Possession of One Defense at Mouth of Gulf-Artillery Duel in West.

London, Sept. 7 .- The menace to Riga, an important Russian seaport in the Baltic, is becoming more dangerous. The Germans still hold the bridgehead at Friedrichstadt, the occupation of which effectively cuts off Riga's railway communication to the south, while German aircraft are active in the gulf, perhaps presaging another naval clash as part of a concerted German movement from land and sea to complete the isolation of the city and force its abandonment by the Russians.

According to an unofficial Berlin dispatch received by way of Copenhagen, the Germans claim possession of the gulf, the Russians having abandoned Dago, the northernmost of the three islands just outside the gulf.

Today's Berlin official communication lays no claim to further progress by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg from the Baltic to Grodno, but thence southward the armies of Prince Leopold and Field Marshal Von Mackensen are said to be moving forward. while the Austrian official statement covering the battle line farther south and east records nothing but Teutonic

The great artillery duel in the west goes on unabated with the French and presumably the British the aggressors. The fact that it has continued for a fortnight unabated leads to the belief in some quarters that it may mean preparation for an allied offensive before the approach of cold weather. The lavish use of shells by the French would seem to indicate some great undertaking, but the plan is not yet apparent to the general public.

#### ANOTHER LINER GOES DOWN

Steamer Hesperian Struck By Torpedo or Mine Off Irish Coast-Twenty-Six Lives Lost.

London, Sept. 7.-The Allan Line steamer Hesperian sank at 6:45 o'clock this morning 160 miles west of Queenstown, after Captain Main and a volunteer rescue crew of twenty-five had made a brave fight to bring the crippled ship into port.

In the night the Hesperian settled gradually by the head. showed the decks awash and the liner about to take the final plunge. She was kept affoat thirty-four hours after being struck. The captain and crew were taken off by rescue boats and landed later in Queenstown by the steamer Empress.

The sinking of the Hesperian in deep water probably will prevent an investigation to determine whether the disaster resulted from a German submarine's torpedo or from a mine. Passengers and crew assert positively that the vessel was struck by a torpedo, but thus far no statement has been obtained from anyone who saw a submarine or a torpedo.

Queenstown, Sept. 7 .- The Hesperian attack cost twenty-six lives. Six second cabin passengers, six third cabin passengers and thirteen of the crew of the Allen line steamer, torpedoed 150 miles off Queenstown Saturday evening, were unaccounted for tonight, according to the revised official figures issued by the Allan line. This brings the probable death list, including Miss Carberry of St. Johns, Newfoundland, whose body is here, up to twenty-six.

#### GIRL OF 12 SAVES A TRAIN

Dynamite Bomb Placed on Track at Chicago Removed by Esther Kusheloer-Three Arrests.

Chicago, Sept. 7.-Esther Kusheloer, 12 years old, tonight frustrated what is believed by authorities to have been charge of having incited the murder an attempt to wreck a northbound pas- of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, senger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. She seized Newport. The arraignment was at the fuses attached to two sticks of Warren. Mrs. Mohr says the charge dynamite which had been placed upon the track and carried them, at the risk of her own life, to the weeds beside the track and extinguished them. After removing the dynamite the girl notified the authorities of the supposed attempt to wreck the train and gave the police the description of three youths, whom she said she had seen running before she discovered the dynamite.

Three boys have been arrested and identified them.

#### **WILSON WANTS EXPERT ADVICE**

Directs Secretaries to Consult the Best Officers in Service About Protective Necessities.

Washington, Sept. 3.-President Wilson tonight made public letters he wrote to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels last month asking them to formulate for him definite programs for strengthening the national defenses in order that he might make recommendations to Congress in his next annual message.

The President told the two secretaries he wanted them to confer with the best informed experts of their departments and submit plans formulated in very definite terms. Whether the entire program could be proposed to Congress immediately, he said, would have to be determined after further study.

In accordance with this request Secretaries Garrison and Daniels have been at work on their reports for more than a month, and now have them practically completed. They will soon be submitted to the President. who then will discuss them with the chairmen of the military and naval affairs committees of Congress, In his letter to Mr. Daniels, Mr. Wilson said:

"First we must have professional advice. I would be very much obliged if you would get the best minds in the department to work on the subject; mean the men who have been most directly in contact with actual modern conditions, who have most thoroughly comprehended the altered conditions of naval warfare, and who best comprehend what the navy must be in the future in order to stand upon an equality with the more efficient and the most practically serviceable."

The following telegram from John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, was made public tonight by Secretary Garrison:

"Regardless of politics, the people are behind you in the important work you are so ably doing for our national defense. Any suspicion as to your integrity of purpose is entertained only by shallow minds and by contemptible politicians whose wish is "father to the thought.' It will prove to be political suicide to so-called leaders of the Republican party if they do not cordially co-operate with the administration in the matter of national de-

#### CARDINAL AT WHITE HOUSE

Catholic Prelate Delivers Message Regarding Peace from Pope Benedict to President Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 3.-Cardinal Gibbons today presented to President Wilson a messige from Fope Benedict regarding peace in Europe. Later he saw Secretary Lansing on the same subject.

After the conference at the White House the cardinal announced that he had discussed the possibilities of peace with the President. He said that he had conveyed a message from the pope on the question, but could not reveal its exact contents at this

Cardinal Gibbons said the settlement of the submarine issue between the United States and Germany had greatly aided the cause of peace and had placed the United States in a very advantageous position to be of service in ending the war. He said he had informed the President that he believed this to be true.

While the cardinal would not go into details regarding his message from the pope, it was indicated that it was in the nature of a suggestion that neutral powers join with the Vatican in making further efforts to restore peace. The cardinal said the plan in mind was along the general lines of recent public discussion of the question in newspapers.

#### JEALOUS WIFE IS ACCUSED

Three Negroes Testify They Were to Be Paid \$5,000 for Killing Providence Physician.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 3.-Accused by her alleged accomplices-three negroes-Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr today was held without bail on the a wealthy physician of this city and is absurd.

The negroes are charged with murder. They are George W. Healis, the chauffeur who was driving Doctor Mohr's car at the time of the shooting: Cecil V. Brown, formerly employed as a hostler by Doctor Mohr, and Henry Spellman, a half brother of Brown.

Healis had been held by the police since the shooting, as his account of the affair conflicted with that given are being held. The police say the girl by Miss Emily G. Burger, the doctor's assistant, who was in the car and was

#### HIS WELL-CHOSEN RESPONSE

Old Frenchman's Words, in Acknowledging Gift, Were Certainly Short and to the Point.

In a certain country town there lived an old Frenchman named Le Blanc. One night some of his friends gave him a surprise party and presented him with a watch chain. That week the local paper printed an account of the affair, saying that in acknowledgment of the gift Mr. Le Blanc responded in "a few well-chosen words."

Curious to know what the old Frenchman said, someone asked the reporter who was present what those 'well chosen words" were.

"Well, I'll tell you," he answered. "When Charlie finished his presentation speech and held out the chain, the old man-who had been eying it greedily all the while-suddenly snatched it from his hand and exclaimed: 'Py chee, dat was a good one!" -- Youth's Companion.

High Finance.

"Henry, dear," announced Mrs. Upto-date, "I guess you will have to admit that I am a pretty good business manager after all. I took Willie with me to the movies this afternoon and as it was raining when we came out of the theater, I gave Willie 10 cents' car fare and had him hurry home and get an umbrella for me. In that way I saved my new hat from being

"Uh, huh," replied Mr. Up-to-date. "Yes, I see, my dear; but why the Sam Hill didn't you both ride home for your 10 cents in the first place?"

"Henry! You-boo hoo-you never give me credit for anything I do!"-

Their Conversation.

In the days of Henry Clay a Kentucky farmer sent a servant to Lexington with a note for the president of a certain bank. When the man returned he said to his master:

"I met Marse Henry Clay in the bank and had a conversation with

"Indeed! and on what topic did you and Mr. Clay converse?" inquired the master with interest.

The darky removed his hat and made a sweeping bow. . . . "Says Mr. Clay to me." . . . And another very low bow. "And I the same to Mr. Clay."-Everybody's Magazine.

Not Too Cheap. "Talk is cheap," said the man who

is always quoting proverbs. "Oh, sure," said the man who was waiting for an opening to make a touch. "Lend me five dollars so f can call my wife up on the phone. She's in Chicago."

Not an Acquaintance. He-Do you know 'Poe's Raven'? She-Why, no. What's the matter with him?-The Club-Fellow.

A man may be as much a fool from sense.-Mrs. Jameson.

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In the Society Islands.

Pigs represent a kind of concrete idea of position among most of the natives of the Society islands. These animals, in fact, are just as carefully nursed as children. Only male pigs are esteemed, however, and are tied all their lives to a pole under a little roof, while the sows run wild.

"The pigs are carefully fed," writes Doctor Speiser, "but this, their only pleasure, is spoiled by constant and terrific tooth ache, caused by cruel man, who has a horrible custom of knocking out the upper eyeteeth of the male. The lower teeth, finding nothing to rub against, grow to a surprising size, first upward, then down, until they again reach the jaw, grow on and on, through the cheek, through the jawbone, pushing out a few other teeth on the way. Then they come out of the jaw again and curve a second, sometimes a third time, if the poor beast lives long enough.

Pot and Kettle.

"How ignorant that woman is," said Mrs. Gaussip to her caller. "She and went to the Zoo the other day and thought I would laugh outright when she called the giraffe a 'carafe.' The joke of it was, the animal wasn't a giraffe at all, it was a camomile."

Used to It,

"You got pretty well tanned while you were at the seashore, didn't you, Willie?" said the visitor. "That's nothing," retorted Willie. "I

get tanned most every day while I'm home, too."

First Trial.

"Did you ever try a fountain pen, judge?" asked the lawyer. "Yes," replied his honor, "and found it guilty."

The loss of life occasioned by earthquake generally depends on the density of population rather than the severit; of the shocks.

Some people are conversational the want of sensibility as the want of spendthrifts. The less they have to badly as a milliner's bill scares a say, the more they say it.

#### HAD TO HAVE MORE ROOM

Took craares

Wobbly Man Needed Extra Accommodation Before He Could Really Enjoy Seeing Play.

During the run of a play in New York last winter a wobbly person testered up to the box office one Saturday night when the place was packed and demanded a good seat.

"Nothing left except standing room," said the box-office man. "Sell you standing room for a dollar."

The wavering one produced a dollar and went inside. But so many general admissions were grouped at the rear that, over the intervening hedge or heads he caught only vagrant glimpses of what was going on upon the stage.

He foggily considered the situation for a spell. Then he rocked his weaving way back to the box-office window and put a second dollar on the shelf.

"Gimme nozzir one of them standin' rooms," he ordered; "can't see the show at all if you only got one."-Saturday Evening Post.

All of a Kind. "I suppose, warden, you have men of various bent here?" "Well, sir, they're all crooks."

Every woman's dresser drawer is full of things "dashed off" at odd moments, which she hopes to be able to sell to the magazines.

Under the direction of an English engineer New Zealand plans to spend about \$2,500,000 to develop its water power resource.

A fat woman will do almost anything to become thin, except to quit eating.

Father Adam may have had troubles of his own, but at any rate, Eve never flashed his old love letters on him.

A mouse scares a woman almost as

## Start Children to School Right

After the vacation rest, school children should quickly settle down to the task of learning. Do your part!

Parental responsibility does not end by sending them to school. The child must be equipped with mind and body at their best.

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